

from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 197, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage savings and investment through individual retirement accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds on activities by Federal agencies to encourage labor union membership, and for other purposes.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to require a 60-vote supermajority in the Senate to pass any bill increasing taxes.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 278, a bill to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the credit for clinical testing expenses for certain drugs for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. KOHL, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert "Frank" Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities, and for other purposes.

S. 306

At the request of Mr. FORD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 306, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a decrease in the maximum rate of tax on capital gains which is based on the length of time the taxpayer held the capital asset.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 318, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required

by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and for other purposes.

S. 328

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 328, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to protect employer rights, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 56

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 56, a resolution designating March 25, 1997, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 7 proposed to Senate Joint Resolution 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 59—DESIGNATING IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. D'AMATO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 59

Whereas by 1776 nearly 300,000 persons had emigrated to the United States from Ireland; Whereas following the Revolutionary War victory of Washington's troops at Yorktown, a French Major General reported that Congress and America owed its existence, and possibly its preservation, to the support of the Irish;

Whereas at least 8 signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin;

Whereas more than 200 Irish Americans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas 19 Presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage, including the first President, George Washington;

Whereas 44 million American citizens are of Irish descent; and

Whereas the Irish and their descendants have contributed greatly to the enrichment of all aspects of life in the United States, including military and government service, science, education, art, agriculture, business, industry, and athletics: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of March of each year as "Irish American Heritage Month"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation designating the month of March of each year as "Irish American Heritage Month" and calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator MACK, Senator MOYNIHAN, Senator D'AMATO, and myself, I am proud to submit a Senate resolution designating the month of March each year as "Irish-American Heritage Month."

Since 1621, when the first Irish settlers arrived on our shores, Americans of Irish descent have made invaluable contributions to all aspects of American life. Between 1840 and 1910, more than 3 million Irish immigrants reached our shores and contributed immensely to the development of our country.

In fact, this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine in Ireland that led to one of the most tragic migrations in history. The potato crop failed, and hundreds of thousands fled in desperation to the New World. They found hope and opportunity and new lives in America. They powered our industrial revolution. They took jobs as laborers. They dug the canals. They built the railroads that took America to the West. Even today, it is said that under every railroad tie, an Irishman is buried. In a very real sense, their greatest legacy is our modern nation.

Today, over 44 million Americans are of Irish descent. They are proud of America and proud of their Irish heritage, and it is a privilege to introduce this legislation designating the month of March in the years ahead as "Irish-American Heritage Month."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

##### THE BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

##### HOLLINGS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 9

Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 1) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget; as follows:

On page 1, beginning on line 3, strike "That the" and all that follows through page 2, line 5, and insert the following: "That the following articles are proposed as amendments to the Constitution, either or both of which articles shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within 7 years after the date of its submission for ratification:"

On page 3, after line 16, add the following:

##### "ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. Congress shall have power to set reasonable limits on the amount of contributions that may be accepted by, and the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate for nomination for election to, or for election to, Federal office.

"SECTION 2. A State shall have power to set reasonable limits on the amount of contributions that maybe accepted by, and the